

an organization to help single parents with the educational support they need to get back into the workforce. These are just a few of an extensive list of ways Richard has served our community and state.

Even as he looks toward retirement, Dr. Chesteen is not giving up on his dedication to education. He has helped found the Richard Chesteen Endowment for Government Internships at the University of Tennessee Martin to offer more first-hand opportunities for today's political science students, who will be the leaders of tomorrow, both in this great chamber and in other leadership positions throughout our country.

Madam Speaker, I hope you and our colleagues will join me in congratulating Richard Chesteen and his family on his retirement, thanking him for his tireless service and honoring his work with the new Endowment for Government Internships.

FEDERAL FOOD DONATION ACT OF
2007

SPEECH OF

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Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my support for H.R. 4220—The Federal Food Donation Act of 2007. During this holiday season, millions of Americans reach into their pockets and pantries to help those less fortunate in their communities. Many times these donations go to non-for-profits like the Community Harvest Food Bank in northeast Indiana or In-As-Much Ministries in Fort Wayne, Indiana. These organizations then hand-out the food to those in need. While the supply of donations is high this time of year, demand is even higher. This legislation will allow the Federal Government to help increase the supply of wholesome food to orga-

nizations by removing red tape and allowing excess food that would otherwise be wasted go to those who need it.

In northeast Indiana demand has increased this year and the community has stepped up its efforts. Millers Poultry in Orland, Indiana has donated thousands of eggs and over 10,000 lbs of chicken to the Community Harvest Food Bank. The local Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry group in northeast Indiana has also donated 15,000 lbs of venison. With help from processors like New Haven's Custom Meats and Lengacher Meats in Grabill, this venison is easily distributed to hungry families in the community.

While 25,000 lbs of meat seems like a lot, local pantries in Fort Wayne are giving out 10,000 lbs of food per day. I would like to thank those who have helped fill local food banks and urge those who have not yet donated to contact their local food bank or charity and give all you can to help those going hungry this Christmas Season.